U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of CHARLES J. McAFFEE <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, BROWNSVILLE BRANCH, Pittsburgh, PA

Docket No. 00-2381; Submitted on the Record; Issued June 6, 2001

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether appellant has met his burden of proof in establishing that he sustained a back injury on January 25, 1999.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the March 20, 2000 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The March 20, 2000 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC June 6, 2001

> David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member